calendar year in connection with perpetual policies of fire insurance issued on property in the State and in force during any part of that year; and

(2) pay to the Commissioner the total amount of taxes imposed by this subtitle, as shown on the face of the report, after crediting the amount of taxes paid with the declaration of estimated tax and each quarterly report filed under  $\S$  6–106 of this subtitle.

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A person that violates § 10–103(b) or (c) [or § 10–130], § 10–130, OR § 10–133 of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or both for each violation.

- (A) IN THIS SECTION, "MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE" MEANS INSURANCE PROVIDING COVERAGE ACAINST DAMAGES DUE TO MEDICAL INJURY ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED OR WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN RENDERED BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
- (B) NOTWITHSTANDING \$ 10-120(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN AUTHORIZED INSURER THAT ISSUES POLICIES OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE STATE SHALL:
- (1) OFFER POLICYHOLDERS AND POTENTIAL POLICYHOLDERS THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE AND RENEW COVERAGE DIRECTLY FROM THE AUTHORIZED INSURER: AND
- (2) FOR A POLICYHOLDER THAT PURCHASES OR RENEWS COVERACE DIRECTLY, PROVIDE A PREMIUM DISCOUNT OR REBATE IN AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE COMMISSION THE AUTHORIZED INSURER WOULD HAVE PAID AN INSURANCE PRODUCER TO SELL THE SAME POLICY LESS 1% FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE.
- $(\mbox{\sc C})$  A LICENSED INSURANCE PRODUCER MAY NOT ENTER INTO AN EXCLUSIVE APPOINTMENT AGREEMENT WITH AN AUTHORIZED INSURER THAT ISSUES MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE.
- (D) (1) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2005 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2009, AN AUTHORIZED INSURER THAT ISSUES POLICIES OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE STATE MAY NOT PAY A COMMISSION AT A RATE THAT EXCEEDS THE COMMISSION RATE PAID BY THAT AUTHORIZED INSURER ON NOVEMBER 1, 2004 MINUS 5% OF THE PREMIUM; AND
- (2) AN AUTHORIZED INSURER THAT WAS NOT ACTIVE IN THE STATE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2004 MAY NOT PAY A COMMISSION AT A RATE THAT EXCEEDS 5%. 19–104.
- (a) Each policy that insures a health care provider against damages due to medical injury arising from providing or failing to provide health care shall contain provisions that: